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TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

MOOSE LODGE TO ELECT OFFICERS AT NIGHT SESSION

Persistent Rumor That Charter Had Been Lost Is Denied by Prominent Members

Following the official visit of J. J. Davis and J. J. Lentz, high officials in the grand lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, some weeks ago, a persistent rumor has been current to the effect that the local lodge has or is about to lose its charter. This report was denied this morning by prominent members, who stated that at a meeting to be held this evening officers for the ensuing year are to be elected. This election will fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of all of the local officers which occurred at the time of the shakeup which the visit of the grand lodge officials occasioned, but the election is also the regular one and would have been held in any event.

Members who have been especially active in trying to smooth out the troubles of the lodge, declare that this has been practically accomplished. That the disgruntled element, which they say is a small minority, has been eliminated or brought into harmony, and that a slate of candidates for the various chairs in the lodge, which has already been nominated, will be elected tonight without contest.

"All fraternal orders have their troubles from time to time," said a prominent Moose this morning, "and the fact that there have been a few malcontents in this lodge signifies nothing. Honolulu lodge is too big and strong an organization to be so easily upset. We have a membership of about 700 here in Honolulu, and the national order is one of the strongest in America having a total membership of about 600,000. We have to conform to the laws of the grand lodge and that done there is no danger of our losing our charter or having other difficulty."

It was admitted that threats have been made by certain of the aggrieved members to institute legal proceedings in the civil courts to right their alleged wrongs, but their opponents claim they have no case, and that in taking such a step they would be directly violating their obligations in the order.

A part of the trouble in the lodge has been financial and a part of it is due, it is said, to the admission of certain candidates, which the grand lodge has declared ineligible. The financial difficulties have about been cleared up, a member declared today, and it was intimated that the matter of personnel is also to be straightened out satisfactorily in a very short time.

Sugar is reported awaiting shipment from Mahukona to the coast in the schooner Annie Johnson. This vessel sailed from San Francisco 16 days ago with general merchandise.

Prior to being dispatched for Maui ports this evening, the Inter-Island steamer Claudine has been discharged of about 1500 sacks of sugar, 30 sacks of potatoes, 78 sacks of corn, 20 sacks of taro and a quantity of sundries.

For the purpose of receiving a cleaning and repainting, the schooner Helene will remain on the drydock for some days before proceeding to Port Townsend. The vessel has been discharged of a shipment of lumber and in returning to the coast will sail in ballast.

GOVERNOR PINKHAM IS INSTRUCTED TO EXAMINE FERGUSON FOR SANITY



Henry Francis Ferguson, under sentence of death, who will be examined by board of alienists, on orders received by the governor from Washington.

Secretary of Interior Cables, Following Receipt of Letter from Territory's Chief Executive Giving Slayer of Officer Abreu Further Lease on Life

Governor Pinkham has received a cable from the office of the secretary of the interior suggesting that Henry Francis Ferguson, the youth now lying in Oahu prison under sentence of death, be examined as to his sanity by a board of alienists. Ferguson, it will be remembered, was recently convicted of first degree murder for the killing of Police Officer M. D. Abreu when he was arrested near Koko Head for another crime.

Details of the crimes and of the trial were sent to Washington by the governor some time ago in response

PINEAPPLE NOT HOST FRUIT, IS GROWERS CLAIM

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the Merchants' Association this morning from Jack Desha, secretary of the delegate at Washington, confirming the advance notice that bananas and pineapples are included in the proposed quarantine list.

According to Dr. E. A. Zack, entomologist in charge of the fruit-fly investigation, Hawaii was nothing to lose by the new quarantine. He says that though pines and bananas are included in the list they may be ship-

ped after inspection, the inspection to be made by the federal government without cost to the growers. Heretofore the growers had to pay the cost of inspection. This cost, now borne by the government is one of the advantages to the producer he speaks of in connection with the proposed new quarantine.

The new list is to be decided on following the public hearing in Washington March 19. As C. L. Marlatt, chairman of the federal horticultural board, has been in Hawaii and is familiar with existing conditions here, the board of forestry and agriculture decided it would not be necessary to send a representative to Washington for the hearing as the territory's interests could be looked after by Mr. Marlatt.

Mr. Waterhouse stated: "The hearing has been called in Washington on the fruit fly quarantine now existing that it may be amended and brought up-to-date. The proposed quarantine is fair and satisfactory, except that it includes pineapples in the list of host fruits. The work of local entomologists has been unsuccessful in showing that the fruit-fly, either under natural or artificial conditions, breeds in pineapples."

"Because of this the local pineapple growers object to the fruit being classed as a host fruit, and they have requested the board of forestry and agriculture to cable to Washington protesting against including pines as a host fruit."

"Under the proposed regulations bananas and pineapples cannot be shipped until after federal inspection here. This is very fair and is not objected to. The cost of the inspection is to be borne by the government, and not by the growers. As far as the pineapple men are concerned, they favor federal inspection of their fruit before shipping, as it is for the best interests of the industry. But they do object to having pineapples classed as a host fruit, when all the tests and investigations made show that it is not touched by the flies."

The only change proposed in the quarantine is in the case of bananas and pineapples.

The following are the fruit and vegetables put on the quarantine list: Alligator pears, bananas, carambolas, Chinese ink berry, Chinese orange, Chinese plum, coffee berries, cucumbers, damson plums, eugenias, figs, grapes, grapefruit, green peppers, guavas, kamani nuts, kumquats, limes, loquats, mangoes, mock oranges, mountain apples, melons, Natal or kaffir plums, oranges, papaya, peaches, persimmons, pineapples, prickly pears, rose apple, star apple, string beans, squash, tomatoes.

W. R. Farrington, for the Merchants' Association, sent the following message to the delegate at Congress regarding the pineapple classification: "Object to pines being classed host fruit, but favor proposed inspection of same. Otherwise regulations seem satisfactory."

A message substantially the same was sent by the board of forestry and agriculture.

BIRTHS

SILVA—At Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, March 10, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Gusmar Silva, a son.

JEFF M'CARN IS SEEKING DATA ON ALLEGED TRUSTS

Will Prosecute Provided He Is Given Information to Uphold Anonymous Reports

That Hawaii is being plundered by a number of predatory trusts is apparently the opinion of a number of people in Honolulu who are seeking to have the strong arm of Uncle Sam raised in her behalf. One of these champions of the public has addressed a lengthy communication to U. S. District Attorney McCarn in which he asserts that the great supply of the territory is trust controlled. His modesty, however, has evidently constrained him to omit to sign his name to the letter.

Another would-be trust-buster declares that two or three of the larger pineapple canning companies have lately formed a combine designed to control the pineapple industry of the islands, and to fix prices paid for fruit and the quotations for the packed product.

It is also reported, although Mr. McCarn has not yet been approached on the matter, that the facts are being collected to show that the entire lumber business of the islands is controlled by an illegal combination in restraint of trade.

The district attorney stated yesterday that the anonymous letter which he had received in connection with the alleged beef trust, had apparently been written by a man of education, and that the allegations made are such as to indicate that the matter may be worthy of looking into. However, he does not like the idea of getting his data in this way: "If the writer of this letter, or any other person can supply this office with information on this kind of thing," said Mr. McCarn, "I want them to come to me with it direct. This does not necessarily imply that they will have to be brought publicly into any investigation that may result. On the contrary I shall be very glad to regard their statements as confidential, unless it should be obviously impossible to do so. But I want the opportunity to question the man who presumably knows what he is talking about."

"Of course," continued Mr. McCarn, "if I can get evidence to warrant a prosecution, I shall certainly make use of it. I find, however, that a great many men are afraid on account of the financial strength of the men they would have prosecuted to be known in the matter."

The beef trust idea is by no means new. Investigations were made along this line eight or nine years ago, and only a few months before District Attorney McCarn took office, the matter was being looked into by his predecessor, R. W. Breckons. With Breckons' departure, the investigation apparently dropped.

The Hawaiian lumber trust is also an old story, but still apparently believed in by a good many people. The "pineapple trust" alone is new. It is stated that one packer who was urged to join the alleged combination indignantly declined, and announced his intention to fight what he considered an illegal combination, and subject to prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust act.

RHUBARB MAY BE WORTH WHILE AS PRODUCT OF ISLANDS, SAYS EXPERT

Rhubarb may be worth while growing on a moderate scale in Hawaii, according to the territorial marketing division, which has found a ready market for several shipments which have recently been made to it. A price of 5 or 6 cents per pound has been secured for it.

This is one of the things, reports the marketing division, that might successfully be shipped to the mainland during the winter months, where it finds ready sale at from 7 to 9 cents per pound.

The marketing division has just received a large supply of miscellaneous garden, vegetable and farm seed, which may be had at cost prices.

Coal destined for the Inter-Island is to be supplied the British freighter Manningtry, this vessel having been placed on the berth at Newcastle, N. S. W., for Honolulu. The date for departure has not been announced.

The schooner A. M. Baxter, sailing from Mukiteo 30 days ago, should make its appearance at Hilo at any day. The vessel was loaded with a full cargo of lumber before leaving the Pacific coast port.

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